

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

<p>IN RE:</p> <p>HEARTLAND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY OF IOWA, d/b/a HICKORYTECH,</p> <p style="text-align:right">Petitioner,</p> <p style="text-align:center">vs.</p> <p>WESTERN WIRELESS CORPORATION,</p> <p style="text-align:right">Respondent.</p>	<p style="text-align:right">DOCKET NO. ARB-04-2</p>
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**ORDER GRANTING REQUEST TO DISMISS PETITION  
AND CLOSING DOCKET**

(Issued July 20, 2004)

On May 18, 2004, Heartland Telecommunications Company of Iowa, d/b/a HickoryTech (HickoryTech), filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a petition for arbitration of an interconnection agreement pursuant to Section 252(b) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 U.S.C. § 151 *et seq.* (the Act), and 199 IAC 38.7(3). Hickory Tech requested arbitration of the terms, conditions, and prices for interconnection and related arrangements with Western Wireless Corporation (Western Wireless). In addition to its request for arbitration, HickoryTech requested a hearing on the issues. This petition for arbitration has been identified as Docket No. ARB-04-2.

On July 12, 2004, HickoryTech filed a dismissal of its petition for arbitration, stating that the parties had reached an agreement on the issues and were submitting a proposed interconnection agreement to the Board for approval. The Board will approve the dismissal of HickoryTech's petition and will close this docket.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. The request to dismiss the petition for arbitration filed by Heartland Telecommunication Company of Iowa, d/b/a HickoryTech, on July 12, 2004, is granted.
2. This proceeding, identified as Docket No. ARB-04-2, is closed.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2004.